

## From the President's Desk

The second quarter of the Rotary year commenced with the Installation Function at two Interact Clubs - namely Amity School Sector 46 on 3rd October 2023 and Amity School Sector 43 on 5th October 2023.

It is always a pleasure to attend these functions. The outgoing team proudly shares their achievements and the incoming team after the pinning ceremony are agog with excitement about the year ahead. The principals of the two schools were at hand to complement their Interact Clubs. It was good to add words of motivation from my side and share some success stories.

Five Members of our Club attended the District Seminar held at PHD House on 13th October wherein we picked up awards for inducting seven new Members and conducting four Blood Donation Camps to collect 616 units of blood.

Distribution of sanitary pads to the ladies / mothers of children of Govt Primary School Islampur was well received. Six of our Club ladies participated in this noble cause and put smiles on the recipients' faces.

Guest Speaker meeting is a norm that we follow meticulously. It was Rtn MM Sharma from Rotary Club Chanakyapuri who talked about Competition Law and shared glowing examples from the corporate world to make his point. The talk was well received.

The month of October ended on a positive note wherein we could share with our Members about posting our bid online for a Global Grant Project. In partnership with three other Gurgaon Clubs, the aim is to raise a Skill Development Centre in DSEU Rajokri to train 600 students for a three month course and place them suitably in the Industry.

The festive month of November beckons us - lots of activities lined up to keep all of us suitably engaged.

Jai Hind



### Key Club Office Bearers 2023 - 24

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Club Learning Facilitator Ashok Thussu
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Project Chair Muninder Anand
Chair - News Bulletin Anil Kumar Bhatnagar

## Events of the Month ( October ) 2023

### Installation - Interact Club - Amity School, Sector - 46, 3<sup>rd</sup> October

One of our club's unique features is that we are home to eight Interact clubs in Gurgaon's premier schools. We were delighted to attend the installation ceremony of the Interact Club of Amity School Sector - 46. The outgoing team's professional coverage of the events last year and the subtle induction of the new team reflect the strong support of the Chairperson Ms. Amita Chauhan, Principal Ms Arti Chopra and Teacher Coordinator Ms Arthi. Thanks to Rtn Sunil Khanna- Director Youth Services, for organizing the event. Event was attended by President Rtn Baljit S Ahluwalia, Rtn Anil Bhatnagar, Rtn Neera Verma and Rtn Arun Gupta.



# Installation - Interact Club - Amity School, Sector - 43, 5<sup>th</sup> October



Another impressive Interact Club Installation ceremony at Amity International School, Sector 43. Before commencing the programme, ceremonial lamp was lit by President Baljit Ahluwalia, Principal Ms. Anshu Arora, Interact Coordinator Ms. Deepali and members of our club present there.

The MCs did a wonderful job of warmly welcoming President Ahluwalia and all Rotarians and conducting the entire ceremony thereafter. The programme started with a classical dance performance by two girl students which was highly appreciated by the entire audience.



The outgoing President of the Interact Club presented last year's activities. Installation of the new Board followed with pinning by the Principal, President Baljit Ahluwalia, and other Rotarians. The incoming

President spoke about plans for the new year. Oath was administered by President Baljit Ahluwalia. His address charged the students with enthusiasm and resolve to serve the society at large. The Principal Ms. Anshu Arora also addressed the audience and thanked the RCGQE for its support at all times.





**ECO ESTATE**  
 A park made completely with plastic waste of all kinds.




A special attraction was a visit of the **ECO ESTATE**, a park created by the students with only plastic waste. has successfully revitalised an overlooked area on its campus, transforming it into a stunning garden. This sustainable oasis was envisioned by the school principal Dr. Anshu Arora, and it stands as a testament to the school's commitment to environmental conservation and creative innovation. The garden has been embellished with recycled scrap and waste plastic toys generously donated by the school's students.



← This picture shows the barren area used to create the Recycled Dream.

The park is full of toys and plastic bottles converted into pots for various plants, bigger toys arranged beautifully on the ground, plastic plates used to decorate pillars, umbrellas etc. and much more. It does give us all an idea how our own plastic waste can be used to decorate our lawns, balconies and even insides of the houses.

The pictures below show the park as it looks today. Its very colourful and strikingly beautiful.



Thanks to PE Rtn Rajiv Goel, Rtn Sunil Khanna, Rtn Anil Bhatnagar and Rtn Dr. S C Nijhawan for their presence and support in the event.

# Plus One District Membership Seminar - 13<sup>th</sup> October

Rotary DISTRICT 3011 CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

**EACH ONE BRING ONE EACH ONE RETAIN ONE**

Save the Date

District Governor Rtn. Jeetender Gupta & First Lady PP Rtn Dr. Deepthi Singh Gupta

Invite you to

**PLUS ONE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR**

October 13 | 2023

Venue: PHD House, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi  
Timings: 3:30 PM Onwards (followed by High Tea)

**NO REGISTRATION CHARGES**

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Our Club was in the limelight once again - Award for inducting **seven new** Members and collecting **616 units** of Blood in the first quarter. Many thanks to Director Membership Rtn Arun Gupta and Director BDC Rtn JK Puri ably supported by Rtn Anil Bhatnagar. The prestigious award was received by our President Wg Cdr Rtn Baljit Ahluwalia and First Lady R'anne Anita Ahluwalia from DG Rtn Jeetender Gupta And First Lady PP Rtn Dr Deepthi Singh Gupta.



Thanks to Rtn Arun Gupta, Rtn Sanjay Kakkar and R'anne Archana Kakkar for being present in the event.

# Sanitary Napkins Distribution -18<sup>th</sup> October

Rotary DISTRICT 3011 CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

**ROTARY CLUB GURGAON QUTAB ENCLAVE**

Club No: 56197 RI District: 3011

**Sanitary Napkins Distribution**

18<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1:30 PM

Project Coordinator: Director-Community Services  
Rtn Neera Verma

Venue: Govt. School Islampur, Gurugram

Rtn Wg Cdr Baljit S Ahluwalia President  
Rtn Anil Kumar Bhatnagar Treasurer  
Rtn Gita Jain Hon'y Secretary

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Under the leadership of Director of Community Service, Rtn. Neera Verma, the ladies of our club distributed sanitary napkins to the women of Islampur village and mothers of the students at a government school Islampur.

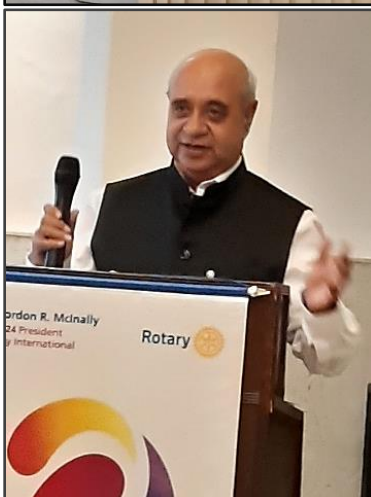


## Club meeting - 20th October



President Rtn Wg Cdr Baljit Ahluwalia started the club meeting by congratulating everyone on the GOV's success and the compliments received from everywhere in the district. He then discussed the status of other club projects.

DG had inducted and pinned new members in GOV. However Rtn Sanjay Sharma could not attend that event. Hence President Rtn Baljit Ahluwalia pinned him in this meeting.



### GUEST SPEAKER Mr M.M SHARMA

Our club invites distinguished guest speakers to break the monotony and enrich the learning experience of our members. Mr M M Sharma, our eminent guest speaker of the day is an authority on a subject that few of us may know about as corporate honchos but probably not as individuals – "Competition Law & Policy Practice". An Advocate at Delhi High Court, he holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Economics of Competition Law from Kings College, London and presently heads the Competition Law & Policy practice in a reputed Law Firm, Vaish Associates Advocates (VA), since 2009. He has over 38 years' experience, including Regulatory & Judicial experience as Judge



Advocate (JAG Branch) in the Indian Navy / Coast Guard of over 10 years. He has worked in the Competition Commission of India (CCI) as Additional Registrar during 2006-2008. and was responsible for drafting the Implementing Regulations under the Competition Act, 2002.

Topic of the day was **Competition law and its impact on market**. He explained the importance of Competition law as it promotes fair competition in markets, which benefits consumers, producers, and distributors. Competition leads to increased efficiency, wider choice

for consumers, optimal utilization of scarce resources, and economic growth. Competition also benefits all stakeholders in the economy, including consumers, producers, and distributors. He gave the overview of **CCI** and its journey so far.

He also gave examples of how monopolies and cartel formations have harmed and looted the consumer and could be controlled through such laws only when challenged.



## How can competition law help your business? When should you consult a competition lawyer?

A Competition Law advocate can help you if your raw material supplier, enjoying monopoly in the market indulges in arbitrary increase in prices without justification or all the raw material suppliers form a cartel, leaving the buyer with no option at all in

absence of competition. Such suppliers also tend to restrict discounts or refuse to supply. You could also be excluded from the market due to restrictive conditions imposed by a large buyer etc.

A lively Q&A round that followed demonstrated that it was an engaging session and the information given by Mr Sharma was well received. President Rtn. Baljit Ahluwalia presented a gift to Mr M.M Sharma. Vote of Thanks was delivered by PE Rajeev Goel.



## Durga Puja -To feast or fast?

Durga Puja is synonymous with fun times for Bengalis, whereas the Navratras, for many Indian cultures, are celebrated with some form of abstinence. For Bengalis, it is the time their daughter Durga comes to her parents' home or 'Maika' for her annual holiday with her four children. She is part of our family here on Earth and it is in that spirit that she embodies a Goddess. Her presence is reason for celebration, social gatherings, people dressing up, hearty meals, fairs, music, dance and joyous celebration. As a festival, Durga Puja deeply intertwined with the arts, crafts, music, theater, films - all forms of human expression. It is an all-round celebration. Durga and the spirit of Durga puja resides in the hearts of all Bengalis. In lighter vein, even when some Bengalis offer Anjali (offering to Goddess Durga in the morning), it is with an eye on the 'prasad' and the women, adorning beautiful white and red sarees draped in the quintessential Bengali style as well as traditional jewellery, look like manifestations of Durga. The most loved part about these celebrations is that Goddess Durga brings everyone together in festive fervour, oftentimes people from all cultures.



In Bengal, committees organising the Puja are headed by non-Bengalis. Puja pandals and various competitions are judged on the basis of creative content, encompassing a host of different genres of the arts and participants from different cultures. Therein lies the beauty of this inclusive social festival, which brings everyone together for a joyful time.

Next year, take some time off and join the festivities!

**(Contributed by PP Rtn Meeta Ghosh)**

## Woolen clothes for ESF By Interactors of Sherwood Convent School



The Interact Club of Sherwood convent school organised a Cloth Collection Drive for the needy. The drive was organised keeping in mind the onset of the winter season. 8 large and small boxes full of winter clothes and other useful items were donated to **NGO Earth Saviours Foundation**. The interactors put in a lot of effort going to all the classes every morning collecting and reminding everyone to open their cupboards and pull out some of their wardrobe stuff for the needy. Their efforts were greatly applauded.



## Board Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October

The monthly Board meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October. PP Rtn Arti Agarwal and Rtn Akhil Agarwal who have relocated to USA joined the Board Members at Dinner after the meeting. They have now joined the Rotary Club of Herndon – Reston in Virginia. The first picture on the left was taken during their Induction Ceremony at the Club. For RCGQE, It was a very happy reunion with PP Rtn. Arti exchanging the Club flags with our President Baljit S Ahluwalia.

Rotary Proudly Welcomes Four New Members, Fostering a Stronger Community of Service!



The Rotary Club of Herndon-Reston is thrilled to announce a momentous occasion that filled our hearts with joy and excitement as we had the privilege of inducting not one, not two, but four exceptional individuals into our vibrant and ever-growing family. Under the gracious leadership of our esteemed President, Signe Friedrichs, the induction ceremony was an unforgettable experience. Her warm and heartfelt words of welcome set the tone for a morning filled with camaraderie, community spirit, and the promise of incredible adventures ahead.







<b>November</b>	<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Muniinder Anand
11 <sup>th</sup>	Promila Thussu
12 <sup>th</sup>	Nagalakshmi
14 <sup>th</sup>	Vinod Sud
16 <sup>th</sup>	Shobha Pahuja
24 <sup>th</sup>	Suchita Srivastava
27 <sup>th</sup>	Atul Naval
29 <sup>th</sup>	Seema Bangia
<b>November</b>	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aparna & Prafull Gupta
19 <sup>th</sup>	Baljit and Anita Ahluwalia



### Club Calendar for November 2023

4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Diwali Party
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Lunch for the children and staff of School for Blind
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Distribution of shoes at Sikandarpur School
18 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Board Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tue to Thursday	North East Trip
28 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Joint Club meeting with Rotary Club Heritag Shillong